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ALLARD COSPONSORS POW/MIA BILL SAYS GULF WAR SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN BRING HOME ALIVE ACT

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has signed on as a sponsor to S 1339, the Persian Gulf POW/MIA Accountability Act of 2001, which would amend the “Bring Them Home Alive Act” to include the Persian Gulf War.

The Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000, offers refugee status to any resident of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China and the Soviet Union who assists in returning Korean and Vietnam POW or MIA alive. It also grants asylum to family members.

“We need to expand coverage of this Act to include the Persian Gulf War,” said Allard. “It just makes sense to encourage the return of all our hard fighting men and women.”

The bill would give refuge to any Iraqi or Middle Eastern national who personally returns a Persian Gulf War POW/MIA to the United States.

"We must never forget those who put their lives on the line in order to preserve the freedoms Americans enjoy today," Allard said. "This bill is our commitment to continue to stand by those who have not yet returned home," added Allard.

The legislation introduced by Colorado Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell has bi-partisan support from thirteen other U.S. Senators.